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Top DEP Stories

Indiana Gazette: Shapiro: Final OK sought for consent decree to keep Key-Con plants operating
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Bloomsburg Press-Enterprise: Money for bottled water, filtration drying up
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Mentions

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TribLive: Gasoline smell leads to discovery of damaged underground tanks in Harrison
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<https://www.timesleader.com/news/1739463/sugarloaf-twp-supervisors-request-withdrawal-of-warehouse-application>

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<https://kanerepublican.pressreader.com/kane-republican/20260422/281505052806649/textview>

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Air

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Lancaster Online: Lancaster County air quality fails again, gets worse in comparison to other areas

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Erie Times: Where Erie County, Pa. air quality rates years after 2023 wildfires

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KYW: More than 1 million children in Pa. are breathing unhealthy air, report finds

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Climate Change

WHYY: Earth Day: How climate change is threatening vulnerable species in Pennsylvania

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Warren Times: Audubon to host Birdathon starting Saturday

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Pennlive: Plans for data center at Dauphin County golf course remain unsettled

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<https://www.inquirer.com/news/pennsylvania/east-vincent-pennhurst-data-center-20260421.html>

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